

# Judicial

## **Court of Appeals**

The amount of \$327,000 is provided to make compensation adjustments for Court of Appeals' staff based on recruitment and retention difficulties, new duties assigned, or salary inversion or compression. The Court of Appeals will determine the specific positions to receive an increase based on these factors.

Funding in the amount of \$159,000 is provided for costs associated with enhancing courtroom security and remodeling a bathroom in the Division III facility.

## **Office of the Administrator for the Courts**

A total of \$17.9 million is provided to maintain and upgrade the judicial information system. The Office of the Administrator for the Courts is in the process of converting many applications from mainframe to web-based environments. Included in the total appropriation is \$410,000 that is provided for purchasing audio recording, courtroom presentation, and video conferencing equipment for all divisions of the Court of Appeals and for replacing the audio system in Division I.

The amount of \$1,618,000 is provided for increasing juror pay. The Office of the Administrator for the Courts may contract with local governments to provide additional juror pay. The contract shall provide that the local government is responsible for the first \$10 of juror compensation for each day or partial day of jury service, and the state shall reimburse the local government for any additional compensation, excluding the first day, up to a maximum of \$15 per day.

A total of \$750,000 is provided for enhancements to certain judicial programs as determined by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts in consultation with the Supreme Court. Unified family courts are among the programs that may be funded from this appropriation.

The amount of \$138,000 is provided to pay for pro-tem judges who travel outside of their jurisdictions to assist other courts in reducing temporary backlogs.

## **Office of Public Defense**

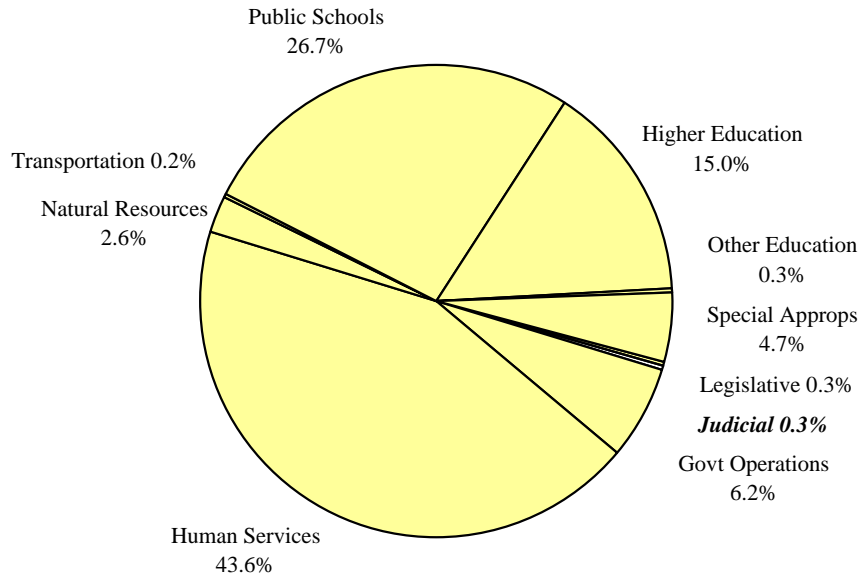
A total of \$600,000 is provided to continue a pilot program through June 30, 2002, to improve defense services provided for parents involved in dependency and termination hearings. An evaluation of the pilot project is due by February 1, 2002.

Funding in the amount of \$235,000 is provided for the Office of Public Defense to contract with an existing public defender association to establish a Capital Defense Assistance Center. The center will provide training and assistance to defense attorneys involved in capital offense cases.

**2001-03 Washington State Operating Budget**  
**Total Budgeted Funds**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

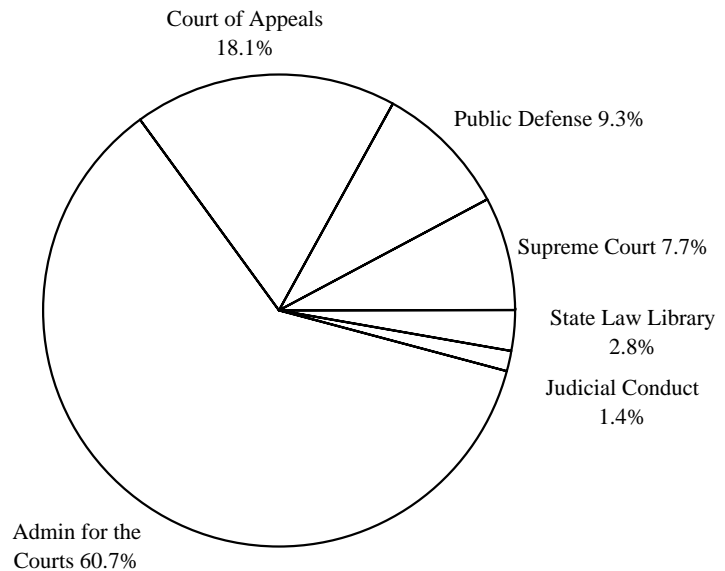
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Legislative	139,285
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>141,697</b>
Governmental Operations	2,707,559
Human Services	18,911,595
Natural Resources	1,123,648
Transportation	104,494
Public Schools	11,571,857
Higher Education	6,502,726
Other Education	116,415
Special Appropriations	2,036,571
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>43,355,847</b>



**Washington State**

Admin for the Courts	86,025
Court of Appeals	25,624
Office of Public Defense	13,226
Supreme Court	10,933
State Law Library	3,965
Judicial Conduct Comm	1,924
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>141,697</b>

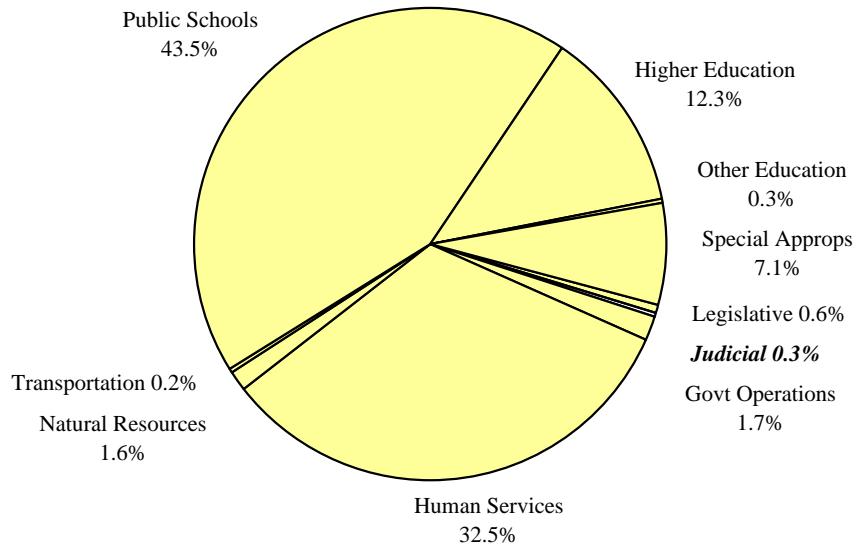


**Judicial**

**2001-03 Washington State Operating Budget**  
**General Fund-State**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

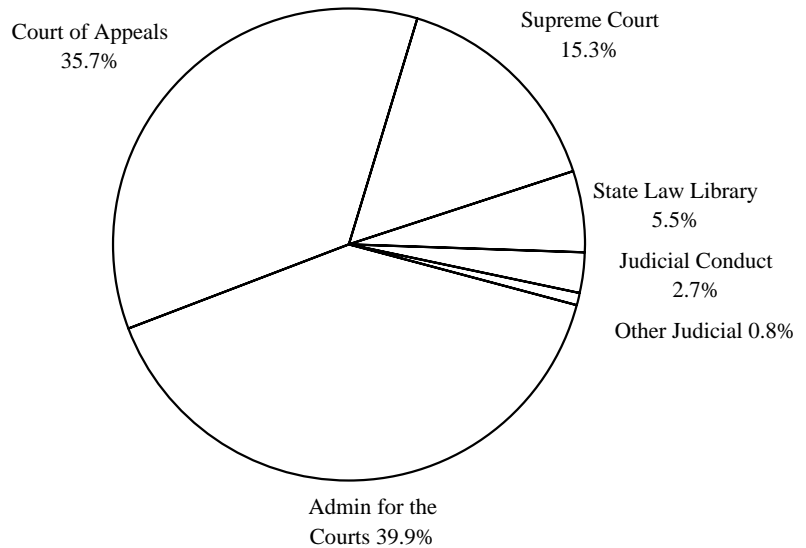
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Legislative	133,124
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>71,679</b>
Governmental Operations	392,304
Human Services	7,415,303
Natural Resources	355,477
Transportation	40,722
Public Schools	9,903,086
Higher Education	2,800,460
Other Education	59,988
Special Appropriations	1,611,095
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>22,783,238</b>



**Washington State**

Admin for the Courts	28,633
Court of Appeals	25,624
Supreme Court	10,933
State Law Library	3,965
Judicial Conduct Comm	1,924
Other Judicial	600
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>71,679</b>



**Judicial**

## Supreme Court

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1999-01 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>10,094</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,094</b>
<b>2001-03 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>10,916</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,916</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	-28	0	-28
2. Historic Furnishings Survey	11	0	11
3. Reclass for Reporter's Office	24	0	24
4. Feasibility Study of Court Reports	10	0	10
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>10,933</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,933</b>
Fiscal Year 2002 Total	5,423	0	5,423
Fiscal Year 2003 Total	5,510	0	5,510

**Comments:**

1. **General Inflation** - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. **Historic Furnishings Survey** - Funding is provided for a survey to review and catalog all historic furnishings in the Justices' chambers, private staff offices, and conference rooms located in the Temple of Justice. This survey will produce a catalog of historic furnishings by type and provide a room-by-room listing of historic furnishings including a condition assessment of each piece.
3. **Reclass for Reporter's Office** - Funding is provided for costs associated with a reclassification of positions in the Court Reporter's Office to reflect the increased skills and knowledge required to perform the job.
4. **Feasibility Study of Court Reports** - An 11-member committee will be created to study and develop recommendations on the publication of court reports for public access in electronic format.

**State Law Library**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	<b>GF-S</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1999-01 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,685</b>
<b>2001-03 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,970</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	-41	0	-41
2. Reclassification	36	0	36
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,965</b>
Fiscal Year 2002 Total	1,982	0	1,982
Fiscal Year 2003 Total	1,983	0	1,983

**Comments:**

1. **General Inflation** - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. **Reclassification** - Funding is provided for the reclassification of State Law Library technician positions. The increases are related to recent adjustments made in executive branch library technician salary levels.

**Court of Appeals**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>GF-S</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>1999-01 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>22,779</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,779</b>
<b>2001-03 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>25,249</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,249</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	-111	0	-111
2. ADA Compliance/Court Security	159	0	159
3. Salary Adjustment Pool	327	0	327
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>25,624</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,624</b>
Fiscal Year 2002 Total	12,746	0	12,746
Fiscal Year 2003 Total	12,878	0	12,878

**Comments:**

1. **General Inflation** - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. **ADA Compliance/Court Security** - Funding is provided for costs associated with remodeling a bathroom in the Division III facility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Additionally, court security will be enhanced by the addition of monitoring equipment and personnel.
3. **Salary Adjustment Pool** - Funding is provided to make compensation adjustments for Court of Appeals' staff based on recruitment and retention difficulties, new duties or responsibilities assigned, or salary inversion or compression. The Court of Appeals will determine the specific positions that will receive compensation adjustments based on these criteria.

## Commission on Judicial Conduct

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1999-01 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,756</b>
2001 Supplemental *	92	0	92
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,848</b>
<b>2001-03 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,766</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	-6	0	-6
2. Increased Workload	131	0	131
3. Internet Information System	33	0	33
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,924</b>
Fiscal Year 2002 Total	955	0	955
Fiscal Year 2003 Total	969	0	969

**Comments:**

1. **General Inflation** - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission.
2. **Increased Workload** - Funding is provided for a new staff investigator position to address additional workload due to an increase in the number of investigations and public proceedings.
3. **Internet Information System** - Funding is provided for the Commission to develop document imaging capabilities for the storage and processing of their complaints. Additionally, the Commission plans to begin integrating this system with Internet-based applications to allow greater access to Commission members and the public.

\* Please see the 2001 Supplemental Operating Budget Section for additional information.

## Office of the Administrator for the Courts

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1999-01 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>27,713</b>	<b>44,101</b>	<b>71,814</b>
2001 Supplemental *	-365	50	-315
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>27,348</b>	<b>44,151</b>	<b>71,499</b>
<b>2001-03 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>28,711</b>	<b>37,644</b>	<b>66,355</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	-78	-652	-730
2. Local Court Backlog Assistance	0	138	138
3. Adjust Judicial Information Systems	0	0	0
4. Judicial Information Enhancements	0	17,894	17,894
5. Judicial Enhancement Pool	0	750	750
6. Juror Fee Increase	0	1,618	1,618
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>28,633</b>	<b>57,392</b>	<b>86,025</b>
Fiscal Year 2002 Total	14,247	28,079	42,326
Fiscal Year 2003 Total	14,386	29,313	43,699

### Comments:

1. **General Inflation** - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission. (General Fund-State, Public Safety and Education Account, Judicial Information Systems Account)
2. **Local Court Backlog Assistance** - Funding is provided to pay for pro-tem, travel, and per diem costs for judges who travel outside of their jurisdictions to assist other courts in reducing temporary backlogs. (Public Safety and Education Account)
3. **Adjust Judicial Information Systems** - Funding is adjusted to equalize the costs associated with carryforward level costs of the judicial information systems (JIS). (Public Safety and Education Account, Judicial Information Systems Account)
4. **Judicial Information Enhancements** - Funding is provided for the Office of the Administrator for the Courts to enhance and upgrade various components of the JIS. Of the total funds appropriated, \$410,000 is to be used to replace the audio system in Division I of the Court of Appeals and to purchase audio recording, courtroom presentation, and video conferencing equipment for all divisions of the Court of Appeals. The spending authority reflected in the appropriation level for information technology systems is based on an assumption that the Supreme Court will increase the JIS assessment from \$10 to \$12. (Public Safety and Education Account, Judicial Information System Account)
5. **Judicial Enhancement Pool** - The amount of \$750,000 is provided for enhancements to certain judicial programs as determined by the Office of the Administrator for the Courts in consultation with the Supreme Court. Unified family courts are among the programs that may be funded from this appropriation. (Public Safety and Education Account)
6. **Juror Fee Increase** - Funding is provided to increase juror compensation. The Office of the Administrator for the Courts may contract with local governments to provide additional juror pay. The contract shall provide that the local government is responsible for the first \$10 of juror compensation for each day or partial day of jury service, and the state shall reimburse the local government for any additional compensation, excluding the first day, up to a maximum of \$15 per day. (Public Safety and Education Account)

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## Office of Public Defense

(Dollars in Thousands)

	GF-S	Other	Total
<b>1999-01 Expenditure Authority</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>12,490</b>	<b>12,990</b>
2001 Supplemental *	0	-410	-410
<b>Total 1999-01 Biennium</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>12,080</b>	<b>12,580</b>
<b>2001-03 Maintenance Level</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,262</b>	<b>12,262</b>
<b>Policy Changes</b>			
1. General Inflation	0	-104	-104
2. Attorney Fee Vendor Rate Increase	0	233	233
3. Dependency and Termination	600	0	600
4. Capital Defense Center	0	235	235
<b>Total 2001-03 Biennium</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>12,626</b>	<b>13,226</b>
Fiscal Year 2002 Total	600	6,317	6,917
Fiscal Year 2003 Total	0	6,309	6,309

**Comments:**

1. **General Inflation** - Agencies are required to find sufficient efficiencies in their operations to cover the cost of inflation in the goods, services, and supplies needed for performance of their mission. (Public Safety and Education Account)
2. **Attorney Fee Vendor Rate Increase** - Funding is provided for a vendor rate increase for attorneys that handle indigent appellate cases. Rates will be increased by 2.1 percent on July 1, 2001, and an additional 2.3 percent on July 1, 2002. (Public Safety and Education Account)
3. **Dependency and Termination** - Funding is provided to continue a pilot program through June 30, 2002, to improve defense services provided for parents involved in dependency and termination hearings. A final evaluation of this pilot project will be submitted to the Governor and to the fiscal committees of the Legislature by February 1, 2002.
4. **Capital Defense Center** - Funding is provided for the Office of Public Defense to contract with an existing public defender association to establish a Capital Defense Assistance Center (CDAC). CDAC will provide training and assistance to defense attorneys involved in capital offense cases. (Public Safety and Education Account)

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